

REMARKS

None of the claims have been amended or cancelled. Claims 1 and 2 are pending and under consideration. Claim 1 is the independent claim. No new matter is presented in this Amendment.

DOUBLE PATENTING:

Claims 1-2 are provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 and 2 of copending Application No. 10/735,850.

Since claims 1 and 2 of the instant application have not yet been indicated as allowable, it is believed that any submission of a Terminal Disclaimer or arguments as to the non-obvious nature of the claims would be premature (see MPEP 804).

As such, it is respectfully requested that Applicants be allowed to address any provisional obviousness-type double patenting issues remaining once the rejections of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §102 are resolved.

Claims 1-2 are provisionally rejected on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 10 and 11 of copending Application No. 10/735,819 in view of Nakai et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,999,698).

Since claims 1 and 2 of the instant application have not yet been indicated as allowable, it is believed that any submission of a Terminal Disclaimer or arguments as to the non-obvious nature of the claims would be premature (see MPEP 804).

As such, it is respectfully requested that Applicants be allowed to address any provisional obviousness-type double patenting issues remaining once the rejections of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §102 are resolved.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102:

Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Nakai et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,999,698).

Regarding the rejection of independent claim 1, it is noted that claim 1 recites an apparatus for reproducing motion picture data for different angles corresponding to a motion picture from an information storage medium, the apparatus comprising: a reading unit which reads clip audio video (AV) streams corresponding to the motion picture data for different angles, the clip AV streams being interleaved with respect to each other, from the information storage medium; and a reproduction unit which reproduces the clip AV streams according to clip information corresponding to the clip AV streams provided in a separate area of the information storage medium from that of the interleaved clip AV streams, wherein each unit of clip information comprises an entry point map comprising information on entry points of a corresponding one of the clip AV streams for random access, and information on whether each of the entry points is an angle change point, wherein the angle change point is a point through which the motion picture is reproduced from one angle to another angle, wherein the reproduction unit jumps at the entry point of the clip AV streams from one angle to another angle if the entry point is the angle change point using the information on entry points and the information on whether each of the entry points is an angle change point.

The Office Action relies on Nakai for the teachings of claim 1 and states that the clip information is stored in the navigation pack and that the clip information comprises (a) an entry point map comprising information on entry points of a corresponding one of the clip AV streams for random access and (b) information on whether each entry point is an angle change point.

Applicants respectfully traverse such assertion for at least the following reason.

Nakai discloses a video object unit including a navigation pack, the navigation pack including presentation control information and data search information (column 54, lines 54-56 and Fig. 33). Nakai further discloses that the data search information includes angle information for seamless reproduction (column 54, lines 57-59 and Fig. 34). Finally, Nakai discloses that the angle information includes the addresses and sizes of interleaved units (column 56, lines 1-11 and Fig. 36).

Therefore, assuming arguendo that the contents of the seamless angle information illustrated in Fig. 36 of Nakai represented an entry point map and each of the addresses of the

destination represented an entry point, Nakai still fails to teach or suggest that the entry point map includes information on whether each of the entry points is an angle change point.

Furthermore, Applicants respectfully assert that Nakai does not teach entry points at all. The SML_AGLI taught by Nakai in Fig. 36 simply relates to information on the location of the interleaved points, and does not correspond to the entry points for random access (see Fig. 9 in the related art section of the present application), as recited in the independent claim. Therefore, Nakai cannot teach or suggest information of whether each of the entry points is an angle change point, since Nakai does not teach entry points.

Additionally, Applicants note that claim 1 also recites that the clip information is provided in a separate area from that of the motion picture data. However, in Nakai, the NV_PCK and the group of packs illustrated in Fig. 33 and relied upon in the Office Action, are all included in the VOB. Therefore, Nakai does not teach or suggest that the clip information is provided in a separate area from the motion picture data. Rather Fig. 33 and Fig. 11 of Nakai appear to correspond to Fig. 8 of the present invention described in the related art.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully assert that the rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) should be withdrawn because Nakai fails to teach or suggest each feature of independent claim 1.

Furthermore, Applicants respectfully assert that dependent claim 2 is allowable at least because of its dependency from claim 1, and because they include additional features which are not taught or suggested by the prior art. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that claim 2 also distinguishes over the prior art.

CONCLUSION:

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 503333.

Respectfully submitted,

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